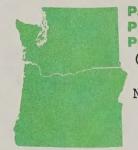
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Forest Service Names Timber Director

Jack H. Usher, Missoula, Montana, has been selected director of timber management for the USDA Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest, according to Regional Forester R.E. (Dick) Worthington.

Usher will succeed John E. Todd, who will retire January 23 after more than 36 years federal service, Worthington said.

Usher has been timber management director of the Northern Region of the Forest Service since early 1977, moving there from the Pacific Northwest Region office in Portland.

He is a 1949 forestry graduate of Oregon State University and
worked for the Forest Service in Oregon for 27 years before his transfer
to Missoula. His career began on the Ochoco National Forest. Usher has
also worked for the Umatilla and Fremont National Forests and the
Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland. In
1970, he was named to lead silviculture and timber management planning tural
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in the Pacific Northwest Region, then was promoted to the Missoura Voost
in 1977. Usher is a Navy veteran of World War II and the Koura in Continue.

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Todd worked on the Gifford Pinchot, Umpqua, Mt. Hood, and Willamette National Forests and in the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Forest Service. He began work with the agency in 1947, the year of graduation from the University of Washington.

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